AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-14. (canceled)

- 15.(currently amended) A terahertz wave optical system characterized by having a terahertz wave generation source, and an optical component comprising a polymer of cycloolefin arranged on the optical axis of terahertz waves generated from said terahertz generation source, wherein a frequency of the terahertz waves is 100 GHz to 10 THz.
- system as claimed in claim 15 A terahertz wave optical system characterized by having a terahertz wave generation source, and an optical component comprising a polymer of cycloolefin arranged on the optical axis of terahertz waves generated from said terahertz generation source, characterized by being constructed so that a visible light source is disposed and visible light from said visible light source is superimposed on the optical axis of the terahertz waves.

17. (canceled)

- 18. (currently amended) [[A]] <u>The</u> terahertz wave optical system as claimed in claim 16, characterized in that wherein a frequency of the terahertz waves is 100 GHz to 10 THz
- 19. (previously presented) A terahertz band wave processing apparatus configured to have:
- a terahertz wave generator for generating predetermined $\mbox{\it terahertz}$ waves,
- a terahertz wave detector for detecting the terahertz waves,
- a first light transmission regulator for defining a light transmission path between the terahertz wave generator and the terahertz wave detector and regulating the optical axis,
- a light semi-transmissive plate made of cycloolefin for transmitting terahertz waves on the optical axis between the first light transmission regulator and the terahertz wave detector and reflecting light incident at a predetermined incident angle, and
- a second light transmission regulator set on the optical axis between the light semi-transmissive plate and the terahertz wave detector, characterized in that

predetermined visible light enters the light semitransmissive plate as pilot light and is reflected by said light semi-transmissive plate and the optical axis of said reflected

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visible light is superimposed on the optical axis of the terahertz waves and the optical axis of said terahertz waves can be visually recognized in a simulated manner by the visible light.